

In Burnet County, she will oversee the public defender's office and hire two attorneys, an investigator and an office manager. The office is being created with a grant from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

"It's new territory," she said.

Dallas County prosecutor Cynthia R. Garza, who worked with Moore on several exonerations, said that Moore's efforts, along with those of the DA's conviction integrity unit, established in 2007 by District Attorney Craig Watkins, made an impact on how exonerations are seen locally and throughout the country.

"Her role was very important to her clients and to the whole movement" of post-conviction exonerations, said Garza. People are more open-minded now about exonerations, Garza said.

Moore also worked with legislators to bring about increased compensation for Texas exonerees and changes in eyewitness identification procedures.

"I was excited and relieved," Moore said about the changes to the law. "I'm proud to have been involved, however small, in changing the system."

AT A GLANCE—MICHELLE MOORE

Age: 46

Education: Law degree from University of Arkansas, 1990.

Career Highlights: Joined Dallas County public defenders office 16 years ago; has helped free 11 innocent Dallas County men from prison since 2001; former board president of the Innocence Project of Texas.

OPPOSE THE SIERRA JUAREZ CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between California and Mexico. I would like to insert into the RECORD Senate Joint Resolution 13, adopted by the California Senate.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—RELATIVE TO CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 13, Vargas. Public utilities: cross-border transmission lines.

This measure would call upon the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy to reject Semptra Energy's application to construct the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between Mexico and California in order to preserve jobs in California, promote energy independence, and uphold California's labor and environmental laws.

Whereas, Cross-border transmission lines between California and Mexico would facilitate the exportation of American jobs by enabling energy companies to import electricity into the United States instead of building energy projects here, where the energy is being used, and thereby move our economy in the wrong direction at a time when we should be putting Americans back to work; and

Whereas, The Obama administration has emphasized the need for our nation to reduce our dependence on imported energy because our nation's economic future and security depend on developing energy infrastructure within our own borders; and

Whereas, A core component of President Obama's electoral campaign was his commitment to a green energy economy, which would usher in a period of environmental advancement and economic prosperity; and

Whereas, Constructing cross-border transmission lines would undermine the President's vision by enabling energy companies to deliver electricity to the United States from foreign facilities not built to American labor or environmental standards; and

Whereas, If we are to reclaim America's middle class, our nation must eliminate opportunities for corporations to export jobs, exploit workers, or raid natural resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature, to preserve jobs in California, promote energy independence, and uphold California's exemplary labor and environmental laws, calls upon the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy to reject Semptra Energy's application for a Presidential permit to construct the Energia Sierra Juarez cross-border transmission line between Mexico and San Diego County, California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE ST. PETERS- BURG, FLORIDA ELK LODGE 1224

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of St. Petersburg, Florida Elks Lodge 124 which was established on February 16, 1911. Forty-two members started what would become the second Elks Lodge along the west coast of Florida.

By 1926, with a new three story clubhouse in downtown St. Petersburg, Lodge 1224 became the largest Elk's Lodge in Florida with 1,750 members. Throughout the years, the Lodge has moved several times but in 1970, under a stronger leadership, the post significantly grew and was able to purchase the building it now occupies on 66th Street in St. Petersburg.

Today with nearly 1000 members, the Lodge is very active in a number of important activities throughout the community. Along with many other Florida lodges, Lodge 1224 supports the Children's Physical Therapy Services Program. This program consists of 22 vans driven by physical therapists who offer free services to any child in need. The Lodge also welcomes our nation's veterans with open arms, proudly offering entertainment and meals in their lodge twice a month.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 100 years the members of the Elk's Lodge 1224 have seen the city of St. Petersburg grow from a sleepy

little town of 8,000 to a bustling city of nearly 250,000. Like all Americans, they suffered through the Great Depression, comforted a community through two World Wars, and they continue to serve the community today by proudly offering essential services to our children and veterans. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me this afternoon in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Elks Lodge 1224 and their century of service to our community.

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF DR. RICHARD LEON HOOKS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Richard Leon Hooks who passed away on October 29, 2011.

Dr. Hooks was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in August of 1943, and graduated from Alabama State University with a degree in Secondary Education. Dr. Hooks also attended the University of Alabama, where he earned a Masters of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy in Education.

Dr. Hooks began teaching in 1963 at Cobb High School in Anniston, Alabama. Later in his career, in 1980, he began administrative work with Anniston City Schools. In 2003, he retired and in 2008, was elected to serve on the Anniston City Board of Education. He served two years as the school board president.

It is a sad day in Alabama as we have lost one of our great educators. We honor the memory of Dr. Richard Leon Hooks today.

TRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL PAT- TON MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND THE WORLD WAR II DESERT TRAINING CENTER

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the General Patton Memorial Museum located in the 45th Congressional District and in the center of the historic military landscape—General Patton's World War II Desert Training Center.

Through the hard work and dedication of local supporters, volunteers and donors, the museum preserves artifacts from the major conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries and serves an important role educating the public on U.S. military history. In cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, this historically significant land will be protected for future generations to enjoy.

I want to especially thank Margit Chiriaco Rusche and her family who have given selflessly of their time, energy and finances to preserve the memory of General Patton's presence in our community. Generations of American families have been rewarded with a glimpse of America's military history through this unique facility, and our community has been enriched by the one-of-a-kind historical artifacts preserved at this site.